

National Guardsmen, Mobilizing in Every State, to Be Rushed to Front at Once

MILITIA TO LOSE NO TIME REACHING LINE

Transportation of Troops to Begin as Soon as Mobilization Is Completed.

SAN ANTONIO, June 21.—The majority of the 100,000 national guardsmen throughout the country will begin to move toward the Mexican border immediately their mobilization is complete, if the railroads are equal to the task of transporting them and their equipment, according to headquarters reports today.

The militia, under direct orders of General Funston, will be distributed along the international line from the Gulf of Mexico to California. They will be assigned to patrol duty, releasing the entire force of regulars now engaged in that work for actual invasion of Mexico, in case of war. A large reserve of militia also will be stationed at Fort Sam Houston.

The actual number of guardsmen asked by Funston for immediate service is not known here, but he indicates today that a large part of their total will be sent to the border as fast as they can be transported. He said the remainder will be called for in the event of hostilities.

All branches of the service will be included in the movement southward, but Funston declined to state just how the various units will be distributed. Designation of the States from which the first contingents will be selected is up to the War Department, Funston having expressed no preference in this respect. The biggest factor in any delay to be encountered by the militia will be in equipping them with horses and mules. This leads to the belief that the New York and Illinois regiments will be the first to move, they are already well supplied with animals.

JERSEY HAS HORSES BOUGHT FOR FRANCE

Uses Eight Hundred Ready for Shipment to Equip Cavalry and Artillery of Militia.

TRENTON, June 21.—Brig. Gen. Edwin W. Hine, of Orange, has been designated by Governor Fielder to command the brigade being mobilized at Sea Girt today.

Plans for the mobilization were completed yesterday when orders were sent to the various organizations specifying the arrangements which have been made for entrainment. The first organization was scheduled to reach the camp at 11 o'clock in the morning and the last at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

The infantry regiments and three troops of cavalry will be transported by special trains over the Pennsylvania railroad and Central Railroad of New Jersey. Troop B, of Red Bank, and the ambulance company will proceed to camp overland.

With the opening of Camp Fielder, Trenton will cease to be the State's military headquarters. The entire force of the adjutant general's and quartermaster general's departments, except two clerks in each, left for Sea Girt this afternoon after packing all the records likely to be used.

With the Governor also at Sea Girt, practically the entire business of the State will be transacted there under the direct supervision of Col. David S. Hill.

The quartermaster general's department has taken a march on some other States by securing all the horses necessary for the brigade. The horses, about 800 in number, are now in the northern part of the State.

They had been inspected and passed for shipment to the French army when the quartermaster general's department concluded negotiations for their purchase. They will furnish ample mounts for the squadron of cavalry and the field batteries which go into service.

NATIONAL GUARD OFFICERS ABROAD

Embassy and Consulate in London Report Many Inquiries.

LONDON, June 21.—The American embassy and consulate received several inquiries today from American national guard officers, who desired to know whether their presence was required at home.

Several of these officers already have been instructed by cable to return by the first available steamship and join their regiments. Some of the delegates of the American Legion, which is composed of men in northern France, have been ordered to return immediately.

A number of officers of the Seventh New York Regiment are employed in English branches of American firms. No official information has been received thus far at the consulate in regard to these cases.

Officials here state there will be no difficulty in regard to orders to return, as the officers concerned are ready to go. It is stated that passports for the protection of the American Government might be refused to those who decline to respond to the call, but this is merely academic, as there is no indication of any such refusal.

VOLUNTEERS EITHER TO FIGHT OR PRAY

Ohio Pastor Offers Services to U. S. Marine Corps.

A minister of the Gospel who will either fight or pray, in whichever capacity he is most needed in time of war, has offered his services to Maj. Gen. George Barnett, commandant of the United States Marine Corps. He is the Rev. Ferdinand F. Schultz, pastor of the Church of Christ Disciples, Chillicothe, Ohio—a practical engineer as well as minister.

In offering his services the Rev. Schultz expressed willingness to serve in the fire room of a battleship, or as chaplain of marines in the field.

The patriotic and versatile Ohio pastor is fifty-seven years of age, but says he is hale and hearty, and ready to respond to a call to serve "Old Glory" at any time.

HOUSE TO RUSH ARMY MEASURE THROUGH

Bill Given Right of Way in the Lower Chamber, Because of Mexican Crisis.

The Mexican crisis and the approach of a new fiscal year gave the army appropriation bill the right of way in the House today.

The bill is to be rushed through the House, and if possible through the Senate, before the beginning of another fiscal year as there must be no interruption at this time in the availability of money for the army.

In order to take up the army bill today the House had to sidetrack the sundry civil appropriation bill. This bill, which has been under debate, was laid aside because it does not have as vital a bearing on national defense, and the existing situation on the border.

The army budget, carrying about \$125,000,000, provides money for putting into operation the new army reorganization measure, which was approved June 3, and likewise appropriates for the entire expense of the army for the next year.

It is regarded as certain that amendments must be added to the army appropriation bill because of the recently developed crisis in Mexico. The bill was framed when there was not great emergency. Many extraordinary expenses are now arising.

Supplies and maintenance for the border troops and the national guard are among the problems which the War Department and the legislative branch of the Government, and indications are that many millions must be added to the army budget, the amounts added to be immediately available. The War Department has estimated that it will require about \$2,000,000 to equip the national guard with the necessary number of horses. Other unexpected expenses will run into millions in the Mexican situation, undoubtedly will increase the total of the army bill.

Insurance Rates on Militiamen Raised

New York Companies Announce Additional Premium of \$30 Is to Be Charged.

NEW YORK, June 21.—Militiamen who see active service at the front will have to pay more for their life insurance, according to decision of several of the big insurance companies announced today.

Metropolitan, Equitable, and Prudential companies will hereafter not accept policies of more than \$2,000 from militiamen answering the call to the colors, with a special added premium of \$30 a year if the militiamen are ordered across the Mexican border.

The same added premium will become automatically due present holders of policies in the militia cross the line.

TREASURY IN SHAPE TO MEET EXPENSES

Canal Bonds Can Be Issued to Obtain Funds.

If the Mexican crisis should reach the point of extended military operations the question of financing them will become very vital. But the condition of the Treasury is such that it is thought that extraordinary measures will not have to be adopted immediately.

The net balance in the general fund of the Treasury today, including \$57,500,000 to the credit of disbursing officers, is \$100,000,000. Secretary McAdoo estimates that individual and corporate income taxes will net \$115,000,000, and as most will come in a lump at the end of this month, which is the fiscal year, the Government would have on hand considerably more than \$200,000,000.

The President has at hand one means of raising money for military purposes in the existing authorization for Panama Canal bonds.

There remains available for issue \$20,000,000, and he can order such issue as may be necessary, the only restriction being that the Panama Canal bonds, which bear 3 per cent interest, shall not be sold below par.

There has been an idea that with the Federal reserve system in operation the difficulty of raising money for war would be reduced. But it is doubtful if the reserve banks could have much to do with a war loan. The banks now have about all the bonds they can carry, and members of the Federal reserve board today at the present are not likely to think the reserve banks would be in the market for war bonds.

From his official it is learned that nothing had been done yet to arrange for financing any military operations against Mexico. The expense of mobilization of the militia for the present at least be paid out of the annual appropriation for the militia.

U. S. TO BUY 60,000 HORSES AND MULES

War Department Expects No Trouble in Purchasing Mounts.

Sixty thousand horses and mules are to be purchased at once by the War Department for Mexican service, through competitive bids which will be opened today at army stations throughout the country.

Horses required total 40,000, and the mules, about 20,000. War Department officials today said they expected no difficulty getting this first allotment of horses. The Middle West will furnish a large share of them.

4,500 of North Carolina Militia Are Under Arms

CHARLOTTE, N. C., June 21.—Approximately 4,500 men of the North Carolina National Guard are under arms today awaiting mobilization orders at Morehead City.

The number includes three regiments of infantry, two troops of cavalry, and one hospital corps. Local packing of these men has been slow. It is expected that there will be 6,000 men available however by the end of the week.

Not over one-third of the men will receive salaries or part salaries from their regular employers while in military service.



Army trucks hitting it up over Mexican sand dunes.

CITIZEN SOLDIERS EAGER FOR SERVICE

Khaki-Clad Men in Every City Prompt to Answer Call of President.

NEW YORK, June 21.—Almost every city in the nation today saw khaki-clad men answering the call for general mobilization of the militia. Statistics gathered today by the United Press showed the national guard of all the States called out by President Wilson to have answered the call to the colors with instantaneous unanimity, while recruiting is booming everywhere.

By the end of the week every one of the 100,000 national guardsmen registered for service will be in uniform, with a special added premium of \$30 a year if the militiamen are ordered across the Mexican border.

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Test for Railroad

That the mobilization will be a test of railroads and food supply stations, as well as of the guard itself, was becoming more and more apparent today.

Nearly every city in the country today saw its "boy" off or saw them making ready. (No such scene have been witnessed since the Spanish-American war of 1898. Mothers, fathers, sisters, sweethearts, thronged the armories everywhere, saying farewell—good-bys in which the tears of fear were mixed with the laughter of pride.

Men Eager to Enlist

Recruiting stations for national guardsmen throughout the country are flooded with applications. The United Press dispatches indicate there will be no difficulty whatever in filling all guard regiments to their full "war" strength. Several cities reported men almost fighting for places in line waiting to enlist.

The whole nation also reported in the spirit of the national guard mobilization. In nearly every city employers approved the leave-taking of their guardsmen employees, and in many instances announced full time pay during their absence or at least half-time pay.

POSTOFFICE DEPT. EMPLOYEES IN MILITIA

Major T. V. Walker Is Ranking Member of Guard in Office.

Major T. V. Walker, ordnance officer of the District National Guard, is the ranking member of the organization from the Postoffice Department.

Other members of the militia who are employed in the department are Capt. W. H. Beckstein, of the Third Infantry, and Lieut. W. B. White.

Capt. J. F. Sanford, of the colored troops, also an employee of the department.

Major Walker is connected with the Third Assistant Postmaster General's office, as is Captain Sanford. Captain Beckstein and Lieutenant White are in the Postmaster General's office.

Other members of the militia in the department are O. B. Donaldson, D. E. Frere, W. C. O'Brien, D. E. Spriggs, and S. J. Hillside, of Postmaster General's office, and M. L. Collard and W. S. Bates, of the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General's office.

Under the civil service ruling yesterday the positions of these men will be held open for them until they return. Their civilian pay will cease.

Offers Factory and Men To Government At Cost

YORK, Pa., June 21.—Harry G. Selling, proprietor of a furniture plant at Railroad borough, this county, has offered the services of his factory and 100 employees to the Government at cost in the event of war.

The plant is suitable for the manufacture of ammunition cases and supply chests of all kinds.

To Launch Campaign For More Recruiting

A vigorous city-wide campaign is to be started at once to obtain recruits for national guard units ordered into the regular service to bring each organization up to war strength.

If recruiting officers do not obtain the necessary number of men, General Harvey states that he will make a draft upon unorganized militia of the District.

The unorganized militia includes every able-bodied man in the District of Columbia, who is not a criminal or insane or a member of a limited number of excepted classes, between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years.

Hundreds of men have offered themselves for service with the District guardsmen, but more are wanted.

Exempt From Service

The classes of persons exempted from service in the national guard include: The Vice President of the United States; the officers, judicial and executive, of the Government of the United States; persons in the military and naval service of the United States; customs house clerks, and workmen employed in the armories, arsenals, and navy yards of the United States; persons employed in the United States in the transmission of the mail; mariners actually employed in the sea service of any citizen or merchant within the United States.

All persons who because of religious beliefs claim exemption from military service shall be eligible for noncombatant service. These exemptions are provided by United States statutes.

Members of the police force and fire departments of the District, clergymen, officers of the District courts, and teachers in the public schools are exempted from the District in addition to those named in the general statute covering the entire United States.

Retired Officers Called

Definite steps to get more were taken this morning when orders were received by fourteen retired officers of the national guard ordering them to active duty for recruiting service only.

These officers have been directed to report at national guard headquarters tonight at 6 o'clock to Col. M. O. Simms, who has been designated as chief recruiting officer, and they are expected to map out a plan for the campaign that will be immediately started.

The officers affected in the order are Col. R. J. Simms, Lieut. Col. Arthur Brooks, Lieut. Col. Clarence A. Weaver, Lieut. Col. C. Fred Cook, Lieut. Col. Clarence V. Sawyer, Major Sam L. P. Piper, Major Ed L. Webster, Major Eugene Edwards, Major Romulus A. Foster, Capt. George G. Dennison, Capt. Benjamin G. Pool, Capt. Harry Walsh, Capt. Alfred McGonagall, Lieut. William A. Duvall.

Must Get Men

Instructions given these officers by General Harvey are simple and to the point.

They are to begin at once the most vigorous campaign possible to secure men needed in the ranks of the organizations that take the field today and for the reserve battalion that has been authorized by law. They will spare no effort in making the most thorough canvass of the District for recruits. During the time they are engaged in such work they are on active duty and entitled to the pay and allowances of their respective grades in the service.

The reason for using taking of such unusual measures to secure recruits is found in the fact that troops, companies, and battalions now in the field, with the exception of the signal company, must be recruited to about double their present strength.

Below War Strength

In inspection of the Third Infantry yesterday it was found that in spite of enthusiastic response made to the invitation to join the service and despite activity of the recruiting officers, the average strength of companies in the regiment is under sixty-five men.

The war strength of a company of infantry is 150 enlisted men and three officers.

The war strength of a battery of field artillery is 171 enlisted men and five officers.

These are the principal organizations to be recruited for by the board of officers. It is believed the two batteries of the District guard will have the necessary number of men without special effort on the part of the recruiting board so that the officers may devote most of their attention to the infantry.

Police Band Offers Services For Mexico

NEW YORK, June 21.—The police band of the city of New York, made up entirely of policemen, has proffered its services to the United States in the event of war with Mexico.

The members by unanimous vote, adopted a resolution offering to serve either as bandmen or soldiers. The meeting was held in the Seventh Regiment Armory.

RECRUITS WERE FAR ABOVE THE AVERAGE

Major Luce Reports 75 Per Cent of Applicants Have Passed Examinations.

The physical character of the recruits that have been offered for service with the District guardsmen for the last three days is far above the average, medical officers report.

Major Charles B. Luce, surgeon of the Third Infantry, closed his examining rooms late last night after two strenuous days, with a report that fully 75 per cent of the men who have offered themselves have passed the physical examination.

Major Luce said it was impossible to estimate exactly how many men have been examined. They were sent to various organizations and until reports are made by company commanders, the exact number will not be known.

108 Sworn In

At headquarters of the Third Infantry 108 men had been sworn in last night. This is no indication of the number of men who have enlisted in the regiment, however, it is stated.

Every officer of the regiment is a recruiting officer in point of fact, and every company commander has been recruiting his own Battalion, through Major James E. Walker, reports recruiting has been progressing well. The colored troops have always kept their companies up to full strength and authorized for time of peace, and many of them had long waiting lists. It is understood that during the last two days fifty men have been recruited for this battalion. There would have been none except that the recruiting officers and examining surgeons could not examine more in the time.

In the signal company there is reported to be an excess of about forty men over the authorized strength. These men will be kept until the company is increased from Federal service. It is probable that the excess will then be distributed among the companies needing men.

Told to Take No Chances

The recruiting officers have been instructed by General Harvey to take no chances on enlisting men under age. If a man appears to be under twenty-one years of age he must satisfy the recruiting officer that he is twenty-one before his application will be accepted. All applicants must be under twenty and over eighteen will be accepted only when accompanied by a parent or guardian who will also file with the recruiting officer a written consent for the candidate to enter the service.

General Harvey has impressed upon the recruiting officers that the national guard does not want boys, as boys will not be passed by the recruiting officer. Strict attention is to be paid to these instructions in the future, because of the difficulties that have arisen through the efforts of mothers and fathers to recover young men who have presented themselves and represented that they were of legal age.

GEN. HARVEY THANKS BUSINESS HOUSES

Sends Letters of Appreciation for Aid Given Guard.

A number of business firms in the District received letters this morning expressing appreciation of Brigadier General Harvey for encouragement and help given the national guard during its recruiting campaign which preceded the call to arms last Sunday.

The letters referred particularly to the help that had been given by the business firms in the establishment of the recruiting station on Pennsylvania avenue and in preparing the exhibit. The letters were addressed to the National Electric Company, Dulin & Martin, C. Schneider's Sons, Copeland & Co., and the Potomac Electric Power Co.

Letters were also received by Dulin & Martin, S. Kann, Sons & Co., Woodward & Lothrop, R. P. Andrews, and the Merchants Transfer and Storage Company, thanking each of them for the use of their motor trucks for the movement of camp equipment to the armories to the camp site at Fort Myer yesterday.

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Withdraws Resignation To Go With the Guard

Lieut. George A. Bonnet, Battery A, Field Artillery, who resigned from the District guard because of removal from the city, has withdrawn his resignation and is hurrying to Washington to rejoin his battery.

The resignation of Lieutenant Bonnet was presented more than a week ago, and it so happened no action had been taken on it, although General Harvey intended to accept it and to express special regret at losing the services of an officer who has been regarded as invaluable to the field artillery branch of the guard.

Lieutenant Bonnet had accepted a position in another part of the country and had tendered his resignation because he would no longer reside in Washington. Yesterday a telegram was received from him requesting the withdrawal of the resignation. General Harvey has complied with the request.

Brother of Vera Cruz Hero Goes Into Navy

PITTSBURGH, June 21.—Among the young men enlisted at the navy recruiting office here today was Richard E. Delowry, seventeen-year-old brother of Francis Delowry, who was killed when Vera Cruz was occupied by American forces in April, 1914.

WHEN FAGED OUT
Take Horsford's Acid Phosphate.
It restores energy and strengthens the nerves. With sugar or fruit syrups, is an ideal summer drink.—Adv.